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ALTHOUGH GROUP BEGINNING TO WEAR DOWN FROM FREQUENT TRAVEL, EARLY DEPARTURES FROM HOTELS, HEAVY COLDS AND STOMACH PROBLEMS, SO FAR EVERY CONCERT HAS BEEN BETTER THAN EXCELLENT. TO INSURE FIRST CLASS PERFORMANCES IN JORDAN SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED PROGRAM:

A. JANUARY 12, DAY OF ARRIVAL. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS TRAVEL FROM DAMASCUS, GROUP WILL BE IN NO SHAPE FOR 5 P.M. CONCERT AT UNIVERSITY. URGE CANCELLATION THIS PROGRAM. THIS WILL ALLOW THEM TIME TO CLEAN UP AND REST BEFORE THE 7 P.M. AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION.

B. JANUARY 13. SEEMS O.K. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING TRAVEL TIME REQUIRED FROM JERASH TO IRBID AND FROM IRBID TO AMMAN. ESTIMATE GROUP WOULD FINISH CONCERT AND PACKING UP AND LEAVE FOR AMMAN ABOUT 8 P.M.
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C. JANUARY 13. CARTER STATES THAT THE WAITING, THE FRUSTRATIONS INVOLVED IN ANY TV/STUDIO TAPING IS ALWAYS EXHAUSTING AND SHOULD NOT BE DONE ON SAME DAY AS MAJOR PERFORMANCE. HAS NO OBJECTION TO ENTIRE EVENING CONCERT BEING VIDEOTAPED IF POST WISHES. HE AND GROUP ARE WILLING TO GIVE TWO CONCERT PERFORMANCES THAT DAY WHICH WOULD PERMIT UNIVERSITY CONCERT AND THE ONE PLANNED FOR 8 P.M. IF THIS IS ARRANGED SUGGEST UNIVERSITY CONCERT BE PLANNED FOR AS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AS POSSIBLE SO GROUP CAN GO FROM ONE CONCERT TO THE OTHER WITHOUT A LONG DELAY.
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